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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendment to the above-referenced application before examination of the application on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-23.

Please add the following claims:

24. (New) A contact node comprising:

at least two metallized contacts coupled with conductive paths arranged on surfaces of connection layers made on the base of a dielectric material and mutually aligned and interconnected electrically and mechanically by a conductive binding material, wherein it is made in the form of a joint between a contact made in the form of a metallized contact pad coupled with the conductive paths on the surface of the connection layer, and a respective contact joined with the contact pad and made in the form of a metallized hole in an upper-lying connection layer, the lower edge of the metallized hole